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SUBJECT: BELIZE

1. DURING CALL BY CONGRESSMAN WHALEN ON OCTOBER 27, FONMIN FACIO OBSERVED THAT BELIZE ISSUE IS COSTA RICA'S MOST TROUBLESOME FOREIGN POLICY CONCERN AT THE MOMENT. HE NOTED CONFLICT BETWEEN NECESSITY FOR COSTA RICAN SOLIDARITY WITH GUATEMALA ON THE ONE HAND AND COSTA RICA'S SYMPATHY FOR BELIZE, INCLUDING GOCR'S SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, ON THE OTHER.

2. FACIO COMMENTED THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT GUATEMALA CLEARLY HAS THE BEST LEGAL CLAIM TO BELIZE.

3. IN THE INTERESTS OF PROMOTING A MODERATE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM AT THE CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN GUATEMALA, FACIO SAID THAT HE WILL TRAVEL TO GUATEMALA A DAY EARLY TO WORK FOR A BALANCED DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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